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The meeting was called to order at 3.40 p.m.

Agenda item 95: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*) (A/C.2/52/L.23, A/C.2/52/L.24 and A/C.2/52/L.26)

(b) Trade and development (*continued*)

Draft resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/C.2/52/L.23)

1. **Mr. Kamando** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.23, and drew the Committee's attention to the first, third and fifth preambular paragraphs, and to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

Draft resolution on international trade and development (A/C.2/52/L.24)

2. **Mr. Kisiri** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24. He noted the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization in the promotion of measures to ensure the integration of developing countries into the international trading system. He emphasized the importance of increasing the universality of the international trading system and of accelerating the entry of the developing countries and the countries with economies in transition in the World Trade Organization. He stressed the special problems with regard to international trade confronting small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, and urged support for the Declaration and Programme of Action of the South-South Conference, held at San José in January 1997.

Draft resolution on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (A/C.2/52/L.26)

3. **Mr. Kisiri** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.26, and drew attention to the first, second and ninth preambular paragraphs, and to paragraphs 1, 10 and 11.

Agenda Item 98: Environment and sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/52/L.20, A/C.2/52/L.21, A/C.2/52/L.22 and A/C.2/52/L.25)

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (*continued*)

Draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/C.2/52/L.22)

4. **Mr. Kisiri** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.22. He recalled the significant decisions adopted with regard to the effective implementation of the Convention at the first session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and drew the Committee's attention to the second, fourth, fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs, and to paragraph 8. He trusted that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (*continued*)

Draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/C.2/52/L.21)

5. **Mr. Kisiri** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.21. The draft resolution was procedural, and related to the convening of the third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at Kyoto in December 1997. He drew the Committee's attention to paragraphs 1 to 4.

(d) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (*continued*)

Draft resolution on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/C.2/52/L.20)

6. **Mr. Kamando** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, drew the Committee's attention to the first to fourth preambular paragraphs, and to paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 10 and 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.20. Mexico was one of the original sponsors of the draft resolution. Although the International

Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction would end in 1999, the underlying concept should remain current.

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (*continued*)

Draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/C.2/52/L.25)

7. **Mr. Kisiri** (United Republic of Tanzania), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, expressed grave concern at the continued loss of the world's biological diversity. The draft resolution stressed the fact that the aim of the Convention on Biological Diversity was to achieve sustainable development and, *inter alia*, it took note with appreciation of the generous offer of the Government of Slovakia to host the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at Bratislava from 4 to 15 May 1998. It also called upon States parties to the Convention to urgently settle their arrears and to pay their contributions in full and in a timely manner. He trusted that the draft resolution would be adopted by consensus.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.